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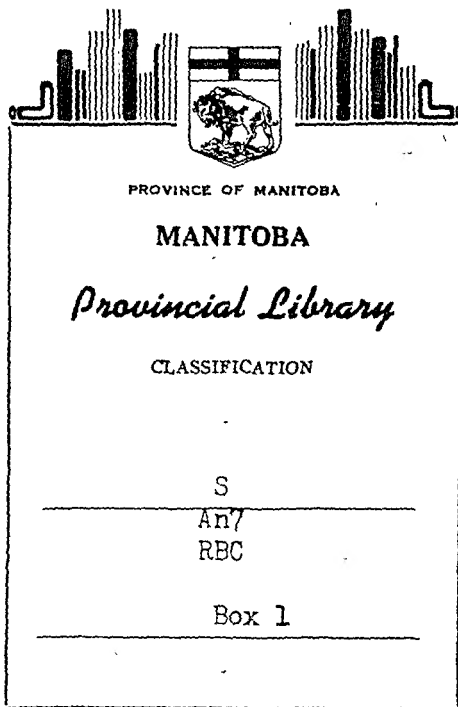
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On the 16th July, 1879, when the Provincial Government had determined to undertake the management of an Exhibit of Manitoba Products, at Ottawa, after having been assured by the Dominion authorities that assistance to the extent of \$1,000 would be rendered by the Federal Government. Mr. Alexander Begg was placed in charge of the work of collecting and forwarding the samples. The first step taken was the insertion of an advertisement in the newspapers of the Province, setting forth the description of products required, and calling upon the Agricultural Societies and private parties to assist in the work. Circulars were also addressed to the secretaries of the societies, and also to the members of the Provincial Legislature on the subject.

On the 19th July, Mr. Begg addressed a letter to the Provincial Agricultural Society asking them to appoint competent judges for the purpose of selecting the best samples to be forwarded to Ottawa, and on the 21st a reply was received from Arch. McNee, the Secretary, stating that the following gentlemen had been appointed a committee to name the judges, the Society, however, wishing it understood that in doing so they assumed no responsibility in the premises. The names of the gentlemen forming the committee in question were Lieut.-Col. Osborn Smith, chairman, M. St. John, Jas. Harrower, A. F. Eden, W. B. Hall, Wm. Fraser, Jas. Henderson, Arch. McNee.

Mr. Begg now sent circulars throughout the whole Province addressed to 715 farmers and others whom he thought would interest themselves in the procuring of a creditable exhibit; and at the same time the railway companies were approached on the subject of freight charges between Winnipeg and Ottawa. Hon. D. A. Smith, Geo. Stephens and J. J. Hill, of the St. Paul & Manitoba Railway Co., were also written to on the same subject. The first reply from the Railway Company came from F. B. Clarke, of the Chicago, St. Paul & Minneapolis Road, offering to carry the products from St. Paul to Chicago free of charge. The next was from W. S. Alexander of the St. Paul & Manitoba Railway, and was as follows:

Alex. Begg, Esq., Winnipeg,

Dear Sir,—Referring to yours of the 23rd ult., to Mr. Hill, we will take a freight car of Manitoba sample products in freight train from St. Vincent to St. Paul free.

The Chicago, St. Paul & Minneapolis R.R. kindly agree to take it free from St. Paul to Chicago and the Michigan Central R.R. will take it from Chicago to Detroit, for \$25, should it be loaded in a G. T. or G. W. car, to avoid transfer.

Please advise me of shipment.

Very respectfully,

W. S. ALEXANDER.

A letter was received from Hon. D. A. Smith, saying that he would do all in his power to aid the Exhibit. Offers were also received from the Grand Trunk R.R. and Great Western to convey the products free over their respective lines, and when subsequently it was found that there would be two cars full of products instead of one the railway companies very generously carried them free as far as Ottawa, with the exception of a small charge of \$50 made by the Michigan Central, and some thirty odd dollars by the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway. But while all these offers of assistance from parties outside the Province came pouring in, there appeared to be an unaccountable degree of apathy amongst the people of Manitoba in regard to the Exhibit which was very discouraging to the person in charge of it. In order, if possible, to arouse the farmers to the

importance of the undertaking Mr. Begg determined to visit the farming districts for the purpose of holding public meetings and making definite arrangements for the collection and forwarding of the products to Winnipeg. Notices of the proposed visit were sent out ahead to prepare the people, and the following places were visited where enthusiastic meetings were held, committees appointed and a gentleman in each place selected to look after the collecting and forwarding of the samples. In giving the names of the places visited by Mr. Begg, the name of the person appointed to represent the localities will also be given.

Portage la Prairie.....	G. B. Bemister.
High Bluff.....	W. G. Alcock.
Baie St. Paul.....	D. Maloney, E. L. Fairbanks.
Headingley.....	W. T. Lonsdale.
St. Charles, no meeting and no one appointed. This locality took no interest in the exhibit.	
Selkirk.....	Hon. J. W. Sifton.
Kildonan.....	John Fraser.
St. Pauls.....	Joseph Thompson.
St. Andrews.....	James Taylor.
Morris.....	Solomon John.
Emerson.....	A. T. Lewis.
St. Boniface.....	Geo. Couture.
St. Anne.....	J. H. Stanger.
St. Norbert.....	Jos. Turenne.

At the meeting in Rockwood, in the office of S. L. Bedson, depots for receiving the products were selected for Victoria, Dundas, Greenwood, Ridgeway, Rockwood, Grassmere, Brant and Argyle. Springfield and Sunnyside, Messrs. J. Turnbull and R. Tuson acted for the county around that district. These meetings had the effect of creating a good deal of interest in the exhibit throughout the whole Province. Space will not permit mention of the numerous acts of kindness and assistance received from Mr. Begg by gentlemen in every locality which he visited. S. L. Bedson, Esq., of Rockwood, through his liberality did much towards the success of the exhibit by furnishing one of the most attractive features in it, namely the stuffed birds and beasts and a number of Indian curiosities. The western part of the Province beyond High Bluff was not well represented, but this was caused principally by the fact that people were harvesting, and a few days rain occurring at that important time the farmers were so intent in getting in their crops that the exhibit was for the time being lost sight of. Emerson also did not make a good show, but this was partly owing to their being very much interested in preparing for their own local show. Local exhibitions of agricultural products are most desirable, but it is also of importance that every opportunity ought to be taken advantage of by the farmers to exhibit outside the Province. No better proof can be given of the fertility of our country than by showing our magnificent products abroad. It induces capitalists to invest here, it promotes immigration, and the more settlers in the country the more chance for public improvement, and as a natural consequence, better markets and enhanced values of land are sure to follow. As a proof of this it is a well known fact that the Manitoba Exhibit of 1879 has inspired more confidence in the future of this country in the minds of people outside the Province than all the immigration pamphlets and letters that were ever written. People have seen with their own eyes and can therefore believe that ours is a fertile land, and one peculiarly adapted for settlement and rapid progress.

A full list of those who furnished the products will be given, and to every one of these the Province of Manitoba is indebted for one of the most decided steps taken as a Province in the field of advancement.

Arrangements were now made with the owners of the steamer Marquette and with the Winnipeg and Western Transportation Co. to convey the products from the several points along the Assiniboine and Red Rivers to Winnipeg, and both companies went to some considerable trouble and expense to meet the wishes of the people who desired to forward samples to the exhibit. Neither

the Winnipeg and Western, nor the proprietors of the Marquette made any charge for this service, and in the case of the latter Mr. Peter McArthur, at a good deal of inconvenience, sent his steamer to the Portage at least a day sooner than his usual time, to accommodate the people along the route. A regular system was established by Mr. Begg for the collection and delivery of the products to the steamers, and the gentlemen in charge at the different points carried out the arrangement to perfection so that the samples all arrived in time at Winnipeg for shipment to Ottawa.

While all these arrangements for securing a good exhibit were going on in Manitoba, Mr. Begg wrote to Mr. J. R. Craig, the Secretary of the Dominion Exhibition, asking that a special place be set apart for the products of this Province at Ottawa, in order that they might be shown to advantage. In reply Mr. Craig wrote back to the effect that the committee had decided that the products of Manitoba should be arranged in the classes to which they belonged and not apart by themselves as desired. Mr. Begg at once telegraphed Mr. Craig that such an arrangement would not suit and threatened to abandon the work altogether unless it was changed. He also wrote at some length strongly protesting against the decision of the committee, letters being addressed to Hon. J. H. Pope, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J. S. Skead, Mayor McIntosh and others on the subject. Finally a telegram was received from Mr. J. R. Craig stating that the Manitoba exhibit would be shown in a special building.

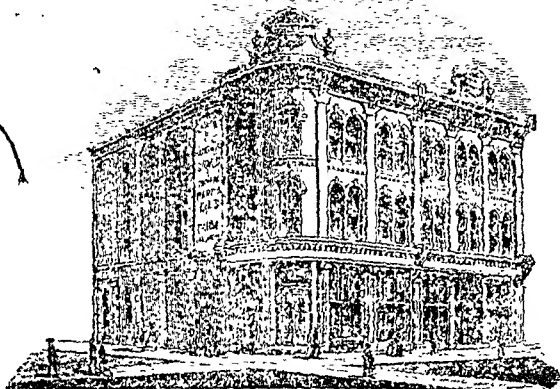
About the same time a reply came from the Department of Agriculture favorable to a separate exhibit and also a letter from Hon. J. S. Skead stating that a building 75 to 80x36 was being erected at Ottawa to be called the Manitoba Hall, and to be devoted entirely to the exhibition of our products. This important point being therefore gained, Mr. Begg went to work with renewed vigor to bring the matter to a successful issue. Through the kindness of Consul Taylor who interested himself very much to facilitate the success of the exhibit, arrangements were made with Mr. E. McMurtrie, Collector at Pembina, by which there should be no delay of the products by the U. S. Custom House officers at the frontier, and subsequently every facility was given by the American authorities to pass the cars along without delay. Our own Collector, G. B. Spencer, Esq., was not behind in his efforts to facilitate matters, and through his kindness and consideration a good deal of trouble and annoyance was prevented in the transit of the samples to Ottawa.

On the morning of the 10th September, every arrangement had been satisfactorily completed, and the contractors of the Pembina Branch who had kindly offered to pass the products on the line free, had two cars awaiting at St. Boniface to receive the same. An application to the Council for the use of the City Hall for the purpose of displaying the products in Winnipeg before shipment to Ottawa, had been cheerfully granted, and on the 9th tables were erected and the hall decorated in readiness for the reception of the products. The morning of the 10th proved an anxious time for Mr. Begg as success or failure of all his efforts was about to be proved. During the forenoon the products were brought in very slowly, but in the afternoon they began to arrive in large quantities. Then Mr. Begg felt sure of success, and toward evening the vicinity of the City Hall presented a very lively appearance, teams arriving and unloading—men carrying in the products and arranging them. It was a busy scene, and one not soon to be forgotten by those who participated in it.

On the evening of the 10th everything was arranged in order, and one of the finest displays ever exhibited in Winnipeg was on view at the City Hall. Unfortunately it began to rain, yet, notwithstanding this, a large crowd of citizens turned out to see the Manitoba Exhibit. The City Hall was densely packed from 8 till after 10 o'clock at night, and the music of the Winnipeg Band helped to enliven the occasion. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, assisted by Hon. Attorney-General Walker and a number of other prominent gentlemen, presided on the occasion. The Premier, Hon. John Norquay, the prime mover in the work, being however necessarily absent on business, a fact which was regretted by all. A large number of prizes were procured and distributed during the even-

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ing. Although a sufficient number of articles had been procured to give each exhibitor a prize, it is to be regretted that some parties, whose names are unknown should have appropriated a larger share than they were entitled to a fact which caused a number of the exhibits to be minus their prizes. In the bustle of packing and shipping the products the next day, it was impossible to keep a strict watch over the prizes which were placed in one of the side rooms, and whether unintentionally or not some parties must have appropriated more articles as their share than they had a right to do.

The following is a complete list of the exhibits with the names of the exhibitors, and to each one who took the trouble to send in samples, Manitoba is greatly indebted, as without a doubt, their industry and zeal has been instrumental to a large extent in placing this Province in the foremost rank it does as a great producing country. No greater proof of the fertility of our soil was ever given and the large immigration of the present season as well as the great amount of interest felt abroad in regard to this country is due, in a very great degree, to the success and excellence of the Manitoba Exhibit of 1879.

The following is a list of the Exhibits sent to Ottawa:—Onions, red, yellow, white, pickling and potatoe; rhubarb, salsify, peppers, leeks; potatoes, early rose, snowflake, des Moines Valley, grey peerless, beauty of Bronells beauty, [Hebron and a sample of good sized potatoes being from the second crop of season 1879]; vegetable marrow, cauliflower, cabbage, peas, carrots, Kohl Rabi radishes, turnips, sunflower, squash, Brussels Sprouts, parsnips, okra, celery, artichokes, tomatoes, mangel wurtzel, beets, asparagus, corn, several varieties, Scotch Kale, nasturtiums; beans, a large and varied assortment and of peculiarly fine quality, melons; citron, water and musk; cucumbers, hops, apples, pumpkins, thyme, and a variety of other herbs, parsley; spring wheat, golden drop, fife; fall wheat, barley; oats, black, white and Australian; rye, wild and cultivated, millet, field peas, wild hops, sand cherry, wild rice, butter, cheese, preserves crab apple, native currant, cranberry, raspberry, strawberry, native plum, wild yetches, wild grapes, cultivated mustard, tobacco, sugar cane, flax, cherry wine, pickles, rhubarb seed; flour from D. H. McMillan's mill in Winnipeg, which was pronounced in Ontario as a very fine sample; wheat in the sheaf, beans in the stalk, oats and barley in the sheaf; a very fine assortment of the following grasses, wild and cultivated, bone, scotch, blue, red top, timothy, red clover, buffalo, blue joint, ridge hay, colony hay, upland hay, June grass, bush, and a number of varieties without any particular names; a very fine sample of marsh seeds standing over ten feet in height; filbert and hazel nuts, Labrador tea, canary seed; amongst the stuffed birds there were the swan, gull, loon, white partridge, cock of wood, blue jay, brown owl, magpie, pelican, crane, eagle, plover, and the varieties of duck were the crow, widgeon, black canvas, and several others. There were several deer, buffalo and Rocky Mountain goat heads and horns, and amongst the furs the collection composed specimens of the following: Lynx, badger, fisher, silver fox, red fox, cross fox, muskrat, kitt fox, marten, mink, otter, wolf, wolverine, beaver, bear, skunk, ermine, moose, deer and buffalo. There were also samples of brick, pottery, stone, clay and 16 samples of the soil taken from different parts of the Province at a depth of from 1 to 4 feet, in several cases the black loam showing four feet from the surface of the ground. Space will not permit an enumeration of the miscellaneous articles, but amongst them may be mentioned, a canoe, winter cariole and harness, Black-foot dress complete, Indian cradle, wigwam, fire-bags and belts of Indian workmanship, bows and arrows, war clubs, petrifications, artificial stone made in Winnipeg, dressed furs from Geo. G. Nagy, Winnipeg; copies of the Manitoba newspapers bound by Code & Caulfield. Amongst the samples of wood sent were spruce, ash, basswood, maple, birch, Norway pine, elm, elder, cedar, cherry, plum, oak, poplar, willow, jack pine, juniper. Rye and malt whiskey from Radiger & Erb's Distillery and Lager beer from E. L. Drewry's Brewery; Menonite fuel. There were also photographs of buildings and streets taken in Winnipeg, Selkirk and Emerson, and a large number of fancy articles too numerous to mention, Miss Andrews, Mrs. and Miss Fonseca, Miss Benson and Miss Birch

and other ladies contributed some fancy work which were very much admired, especially by the Princess Louise at Ottawa.

The following is a list of the Exhibitors according to locality:—

WINNIPEG:

Hon. A. G. B. Bannatyne, Stobart, Eden & Co., Radiger & Erb, E. G. Thomas, C. DeCazes, A. W. Ross, W. G. Fonseca, Mrs. and Miss Fonseca, D. B. Murray, Hy. Soare, Joseph Hursell, Lieut.-Col. Osborne Smith, John Higgins, D. H. McMillan, C. Knight, J. B. Crawford, N. Bawlf, S. Simpson, J. H. Rowan, J. H. McTavish, R. Patterson, Burke & Richter, D. S. McKay, Miss Birch, Dr. Bown, E. Griffiths, D. Ede, Misses Andrews, Geo. G. Nagy, Miss Benson, Mrs. Taylor, C. Prudhomme, H. L. Reynolds, Code & Caulfield, Alderman More, Biggs & Co., J. W. Winnett, E. L. Drewry, Archibald Wright.

SEABIRK.

F. W. Johnstone, Wm. Pruden, C. Begg, J. Scarry, J. Pruden, Geo. Miller, R. Taylor, Mrs. Briston, Miss McDonald, Mrs. Fidler, T. Kennedy, Wm. Cochrane, T. Stevenson, G. Kingsbury, Wm. Gibbs, Rev. W. Cook, Hon. J. W. Sifton, Miss H. Wilson, Mrs. Geo. Rowland, Mrs. G. Cook, W. T. Colcleugh, A. Doidge.

ST. ANDREWS.

Angus McLeod, E. B. Kett, D. McLeod, Hon. E. H. G. G. Hay, S. Leask, G. A. Boyden, Capt. Kennedy, P. Telefoon, John Gunn, Geo. Gunn, James Swain, Malcolm Scott, T. Norquay.

SPRINGFIELD.

Hy. Hodgson, John Speir, L. W. Archibald, H. James, Wm. Matheson, A. G. McDonald, R. Tuson, Jas. Smith, Jas. Hodgson, R. Smith, Richard Egan.

SUNNYSIDE.

Angus McLeod.

PLYMPTON.

Jos. Dodds, T. Lewis, Jas. B. Armstrong.

COOKS CREEK.

Peter McLaren, J. J. Winram, J. Fullerton, Geo. Miller, T. J. Hillis, Jno. Turnbull.

CLANDEBOYE.

R. J. Muckle, Miss Muckle.

ST. PAULS.

Mrs. Pritchard, Mrs. Henri, R. McBeath, J. Thompson, W. A. Shéphard, Mrs. W. Thomas.

KILDONAN.

J. R. McDonald, Don Murray, John Fraser, Jas. Harrower, J. H. Bell.

ST. JOHNS.

Bishop of Rupert's Land, Thos. Longbottom.

ST. JAMES.

F. Salter, H. J. Arkland, Hector McKenzie, Hon. James McKay.

BLACKWOOD.

A. Hickey, S. L. Bedson, R. Bell.

GRASSMERE.

A. G. McKenzie.

MEADOW LEA.

D. McDougall.

VICTORIA.

J. Boskill, G. Applegarth, Colin McLean.

WOODLANDS.

G. Broadfoot, Sam. Simpson, Thos. Simpson.

GREENWOOD.

James Jeffrey, H. Bowman.

ARGYLE.

D. McErvan.

NORRIS.

Jas. Laurie, Wm. Gallie, Geo. Wilde, L. Pitman, A. Westover.

EMERSON.

Rev. J. Scott.

V. Mager. ST. BONIFACE.
 V. Buchanan, Wm. Parker. RIVIERE SALLE.
 Rev. Pere Ritchot, Jos. Turenne, F. Jette. ST. NORBERT.
 D. Kleasger. ROSEMOUNT.
 W. Henderson. MARAIS.
 J. Montgomery. BELMONT.
 Geo. Miller. PEMBINA MOUNTAINS.
 W. B. Hall, W. A. Farmer, Hon. J. Taylor, T. Harrison. HEADINGLY.
 Jas. Armson, Wm. Moss, Nelson Brown, J. A. K. Drummond, W. S. Alcock. HIGH BLUEF.
 W. H. Turton. POPLAR HEIGHTS.
 Jno. Munn. GLADSTONE.
 K. McKenzie. BURNSIDE.
 J. Robinson. ROSEAU.
 D. Maloney. BAIE ST. PAUL.



The day following the exhibition in the City Hall was a busy one for Mr. Begg and his assistant. From early morning till 12 o'clock at night the time was fully occupied in packing and shipping the products, and when it is considered that two car loads of samples were carefully packed, loaded on teams and carted from the City Hall to St. Boniface, some idea can be formed of the amount of work done. It was Mr. Begg's intention at first to select only the best samples, but at the last moment when he considered that he had to fill a large building 75x36, at Ottawa, he resolved to ship the whole collection as it was shown in the City Hall. The necessity for the services of the judges appointed was therefore not called into requisition.

The cars left for Ottawa on the morning of the 12th September in charge of Mr. C. Constantine, to whose care and energy was mainly due their safe and prompt arrival at Ottawa. Mr. Begg decided to take with him Mr. Geo. Kellond to assist him at Ottawa, and it was well he did so as he proved a most valuable assistant throughout the entire trip. When Mr. Begg reached Ottawa the cars with the products had not arrived and the Manitoba Hall was in an unfinished state. He was obliged to employ workmen at very high wages to get the interior arrangements of the building and the decorations completed in time. He found he had little time to lose and therefore had to keep the men working day and night. Unfortunately every one at Ottawa were so busy with their own affairs that although a stranger he had to depend almost entirely on his own resources to get things into shape. Mr. Kellond at this time especially proved himself invaluable. On the day of formal opening by His Excellency the Governor-General and Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, Manitoba Hall was ready to receive the distinguished visitors. The dense crowds of people awaiting the opening of the Hall were only kept back from the doors by the exertions of the Governor-General's Guard of Honor. When the Marquis of Lorne and Her Royal Highness entered Manitoba Hall they were pleased to express their astonishment and pleasure at what they termed the wonderful specimens. Mr. Begg explained to His Excellency and Her Royal Highness that the samples were not fair specimens of Manitoba products, as in most cases, they were gathered at least three weeks before maturity in order to reach Ottawa in time for the exhibition.

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Both the Marquis and the Princess evinced a lively interest in the contents of Manitoba Hall, and spent over an hour in carefully examining all the articles on view, and expressed themselves to Mr. Begg as very much pleased with the exhibit. Her Royal Highness entered the wigwam and was very much interested in the Indian curiosities and ladies work on exhibition. As soon as the Governor-General and Princess had taken their departure, the impatient crowd outside actually burst open the doors and rushed in pell mell, and during that and succeeding days, while the Exhibition lasted, Mr. Begg and his assistants were almost powerless in controlling the crowd of visitors eager to see the Manitoba products. Several times it looked as if the exhibit would be ruined by the pressure of the people. There were several cases where persons had narrow escapes from being injured in the crowd, and this crush of people lasted for three days, while the Hall was opened.

The following account taken from a few of the newspapers of Ontario will give some idea of the impression created in that Province by the Manitoba Exhibit. The *Ottawa Citizen* published the following:

THE MANITOBA HALL.

Yesterday the products in the Manitoba Hall were placed in position, and the "confusion worse confounded" state of affairs that necessarily prevailed on the unpacking of the exhibits was reduced to the most perfect order, thanks to the zealous efforts of Mr. Begg and his assistants Messrs Kellond and Constantine. As foreshadowed yesterday, the Manitoba products are the features *par excellence* of the exhibition, and the wisdom of the Government in granting a sum of money in order to afford the inhabitants of the more eastern parts of the Dominion an opportunity of seeing what the Prairie Province can do in agriculture and other branches of industry, cannot be doubted—a more judicious method of advertising the Province could not have been devised. Mr. A. Begg was entrusted with the task of inducing the farmers of the Province to send some of the fruits of their lands to this part of the Dominion, and no easy task had he to perform. He was obliged to travel to the most remote districts of the Province, and use all his persuasive powers with the farmers to induce them to co-operate with him in the work he had in hand—meeting after meeting he was obliged to hold, until at last he managed to secure a sufficient number of contributions, in the shape of products, to enable him to ensure the authorities here, of his being confident of presenting at the Dominion Exhibition such an array of Manitoban products, as would, to use an homely expression, open the eyes of the good people of the east—and he has kept his promise. The display having been made an established fact, the new building originally intended for the Dominion exhibits, was selected as the one in which they should be placed. The building is in every way suited for the purpose, with the exception that it is rather small, Mr. Begg, having brought with him more articles than he could show to advantage. As to the interior, it is not too much to say that it is a Provincial exhibition in itself, minus the cattle, &c. On entering the building the first thing that meets the eye of the visitor is a magnificent canopy of crimson cloth surmounted by a gilt cornice, bearing on its front the word "Welcome," and on the right "Louise." Over the motto "Welcome" are the armorial bearings of the Dominion, and that is surmounted by a crown. Beneath this canopy is a genuine Indian wigwam, constructed of 16 dressed buffalo skins stretched over poles some 15 feet high. The interior certainly gives an idea of snugness, comfort and cleanliness one would hardly expect to find in such a habitation. In the centre is a fire over which is suspended a pot, innocent, of course, of succulent buffalo lumps, but suggestive thereof. The floor is covered with furs such as a Russian would envy. One is a beautiful robe of white rabbit skins, whilst bear and other robes form the remainder of what would make a couch for the most luxurious Lybarite, let alone the resting place of a warrior of the Blackfeet tribe, who, if all accounts of the noble red man are true, are not quite accustomed to such cleanly residences. In front of the wigwam are shown the richly beaded hunting shirt and feathered head dress of a chief of the tribe before mentioned, while on the right hand side of the entrance stands a Blackfeet chief, clad in all his glory of war paint and savage finery. On the left hand side peering round

the door is a fierce looking buffalo's head, his eyes glaring with all the ferocity of his genus. In front is a cariole or dog sleigh, luxuriously furnished with buffalo robes, to this conveyance is harnessed a team of two foxes, with two prairie wolves as leaders, all richly caparisoned, with bells on their necks. Buffalo heads are also on each side of the entrance, the whole forming a picture of surpassing beauty, and reflecting great credit upon Mr. Begg and his assistants who arranged it. On the left of the wigwam is a collection of Indian curiosities, which consists of a saddle, a saddle cloth and bag, all of deer skin and beautifully ornamented with beads worked into wonderful patterns. A papoose cradle, some "fire bags" in which the Indians carry their pipes, tobacco, flints and other odds and ends which go to make up a "braves" kit, and a host of specimens of the red man's handiwork go to make up a fine display. Under a blue canopy, and placed on a red shield, is a huge bison's head, which appears to be looking down upon the rest of the other curios—among which, it should be mentioned, are a number of quaintly carved figures. This collection will be found to be one of the most interesting features of the exhibition, more especially to the lovers of ornithology, as there are more splendid specimens of stuffed birds to be seen, not only in this particular spot, but all over the building. On the right hand side of the tent is a *fac simile* of a Red River camp on the prairie, with a genuine Red River cart. The latter is a very primitive sort of conveyance, guiltless of springs and highly suggestive of sore bones after a journey over a rough road. Underneath the cart is the bed of the travellers, and in front is the camp fire with the kettle slung gipsy fashion, with the matutinal tea preparing. Close by is the "cassette," or small box in which the provisions and cooking utensils are carried, and on the lid thereof are the tin plates and knives of the wayfarers, left as if a meal had just been partaken of. In the camp are two gigantic chunks of pemmican, a most unsavory looking article of diet, but, so Mr. Kellond says, savory and nourishing when properly cooked *Chacun a son gout!* The harness of the cart is of the roughest, but strongest description, and made of buffalo hide, looking as if it would take considerable pulling to cause it to give way. On the wall are some skins of the red deer, cariboo, silver fox, otter, the pretty but odorous skunk, wolf and ermine, all nicely arranged. The hall is handsomely decorated with festoons of evergreens suspended across the ceilings, while the sides are similarly adorned. Mottoes are over each door—"Manitoba, the bull's eye of the Dominion." "Manitoba, the Prairie Province, sends royal greeting," and on the walls are inscribed, "A fertile soil for willing hands to work," and "Ours is land of promise." At the northern end of the building is the large map of the Dominion, which was prepared for the Paris Exhibition, and that forms a handsome addition to the other ornaments, among which, by the way, are several other maps and photographs of the Red River Territory. There are also some photographs of Winnipeg and its vicinity. Winnipeg has now some very handsome buildings, both public and private.

The more practical part of the exhibition will be of the greatest interest to the farming community, and especially to those who are contemplating taking up their residence in Manitoba. The vegetable products are something wonderful, and will gladden the heart of a gardener. Some onions are shown of enormous size, especially the granite rock, which beats anything that can be raised in Ontario—at least so said more than one yesterday who were admitted to the private view yesterday. Mammoth Maltese squashes, marble head pumpkins large enough to make a chariot for Cinderella, turnips both Swedes and white, carrots, some as thick as any ever before exhibited in Ottawa or elsewhere, huge cabbages, cauliflowers and some early rose, peerless and Oregon potatoes are all, especially the latter, of wonderful size. So far as the potatoes are concerned, there are none that can be raised here of the weight of the Manitoba vegetable. There are some capsicums, red and white, as large as any grown in the tropics. The beets and mangels are also very fine, as are also the cucumbers. Vegetable marrows, citrons and melons all compare very favorably with those grown in these parts. Some remarkably fine tomatoes, red, green, yellow and plumb are also exhibited. Windsor beans, as large as those raised in England and some apples, small but sweet and rosy in color, all go to show

that the North-West gardener can do (with the exception of the matter of fruit) as well as his brother in the eastern part of the Dominion. A collection of vegetables from Q'Appelle, a place near the Rocky Mountains, is shown. It consists of turnips, carrots, beans, peas, cucumbers, celery—red and white, and many others, which are most creditable to the raisers. These latter, it should be said, are for the most part farmers and not market gardeners, and therefore are the more to be congratulated on their success. The cereals of this Province have become a proverb in Ottawa by reason of their excellence, the Red River country being eminently adapted for the raising of wheat, oats, barley and rye. Some oats are shown which are portions of a crop of 100 bushels to the acre, and one sheaf is exhibited that was produced from some land that has been cultivated for 50 years, without ever having been manured during that time. The wheat both in ear and bulk is, of course excellent, as indeed everything in this class is. The cultivation of sugar cane has been commenced out there, and judging from the specimens shown, with great success. Some, of course, are of great height and thickness, and they are said to yield a considerable amount of sap. Tobacco also enters into the exhibit, and it is said to be of good quality, and some packages of wild hops have all the fragrance of the cultivated ones. Some specimens of grass 12 feet high, will astonish the visitor as will also a rhubarb stalk six feet in length. Wild thyme, sage, sweet marjoram, and other herbs are shown in great quantity. Of the dairy products there is print, crock and tub butter, home and factory made cheese, from the Belmont factory, will call for the attention of the thrifty housewife who inspects them, and there can be no doubt as to the verdict rendered. There is a collection of hand-made white brick pottery, consisting of jars, jugs, drain-pipes, encaustic tiles, (the latter of very handsome patterns) and other articles, equal to Staffordshire manufacture, together with a specimen of excellent stone from Selkirk. Preserves, jellies, syrups and wine made from the wild cherry are also shown, and appear to be of a palatable nature. Yarns, blankets and carpets also appear. By the way, as hops were alluded to, it should not be omitted to be stated that there is a couple of dozen of lager beer from the brewery of Mr. Ed. L. Drewry, Winnipeg, and mighty pleasant tippie it appears to be. Some coal from the Saskatchewan, and some Mennonite fuel is also shown. Of woods there are maple, silver birch, high brush, blueberry, poplar, white oak, box elder, cedar and bass, all obtained within a radius of 60 miles from Winnipeg, in the immediate vicinity of which oak, poplar and cotton wood is obtained. There are a host of other articles of interest in the exhibition which it is scarcely possible to enumerate, but it is safe to predict that to-day the Manitoba Hall will be the centre of attraction to the visitors.

The following is from the *Ottawa Free Press* :—

MANITOBA HALL.

This department, which up to the present has been in a state of chaos, is now in shape, and will be open to visitors this afternoon. We have already informed our readers that a surprise awaited them on catching a glimpse of the Prairie Province display, and we think that, after a visit, they will agree with us in the remark. It is certainly the most attractive of any building on the ground, and it is only to be regretted that there is not more room for the crowds that will visit it. And now a word or two about the origin of this exhibit. The Government of Manitoba, thinking that it would be of advantage to the Province to be represented at the Dominion Exhibition, applied to the Federal Government for aid to enable them to carry out the intention. The request was favorably entertained, and a sum granted by the Dominion Government, and supplemented by an equal amount from the Provincial Government. The work was entrusted to Mr. A. Begg, who occupied six weeks in the work, and held public meetings in twenty different places in the Province. All must agree, in view of the successful exhibition made, that it could not have been placed in better hands. Many of the farmers were adverse to sending their produce, knowing that at the early period at which the roots, etc., would have to be taken out of

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the ground it would be impossible to do themselves full justice. Mr. Begg, however, was not to be discouraged, and has secured a most creditable representation. Mr. Begg has been ably assisted by Mr. Kellond, and also by Mr. Charles Constantine, Deputy Sheriff, the latter having taken charge of the goods *en route*. Since their arrival, Mr. D. M. Grant and others of this city have lent a helping hand. In the first erection of this building by the City Council, it was intended that Dominion exhibits should be placed here; it being in contemplation to bring out several of the Centennial cases from the Patent Office. It was found, however, on the arrival of the Manitoba produce, that there was not room for anything else, and, with the exception of the Dominion map, the Province has the whole building to itself. A very good idea of the interior of the building will be obtained from the diagram given in connection with this report. The northern end of the building is entirely occupied with the immense Dominion map, which was shown at the Paris Exposition, and now exhibited through the kindness of Col. Dennis, Deputy Minister of the Interior. It is surmounted by a canopy of flags. At the southern end is a throne of scarlet cloth. On either side at the foot are two immense buffalo heads. The canopy of the throne bears in the centre the word "Welcome," and on either side are the accompanying words "Lorne" and "Louise." Still higher is the Provincial Coat-of-Arms, while at the very summit is a gilt Crown. In the space to the east of the throne is a collection of stuffed birds, while to the west is a rude looking structure known as the Red River cart. Over each are immense buffalo heads. In front of the throne is a 16-skin tent adorned with scalps, in which is an imitation camp fire. The floor is covered with reed matting, and there are beds of buffalo robes. In front of the tent is the figure of an Indian warrior, and to his right a dog train with the animals handsomely harnessed. Over the western entrance is the motto "Manitoba the Prairie Province sends Royal Greeting," and over the eastern entrance "Manitoba the Bull's eye of the Dominion." In the northern section of the Hall, on the east side are the words, "Ours is the Land of Promise," and on the west "A Fertile Soil for Willing Hands to work." In the southern section on both sides are the words, "Manitoba Products" in gilt letters. The roof and sides of the building are festooned with evergreens, relieved here and there with such devices as "L. L." etc. From various advantageous points are suspended moose, elk and deer heads, birch bark canoes, eagle (measuring five feet from tip to tip) pelicans, etc. On the side walls are maps of the North West Territory and Province of Manitoba. There are also suspended from the different stands photographic scenes in different parts of the Province, and from these it will be seen that very many fine buildings have already been put up. Stuffed animals, Indian curiosities, furs and other attractions have also been arranged so as to show to the best possible advantage. Suspended above one of the stands is a birch bark canoe, while elsewhere there is a carryall. Some of the corn in the stalk exhibited is of a prodigious height, while there is reed grass reaching to 15 feet. The roots and vegetables all appear to good advantage, but would doubtless be of more prodigious growth were it not for the reason already stated. The potatoes exhibited are perfect monstrosities. Among the grain is a sample of most magnificent rye grown near Springfield, and the seed for which was obtained in the crop of a wild goose shot by a hunter. Thus from small beginning do mighty things grow. Then there is a sample of soil taken from and which has been cultivated for fifty years without manure and still appears to be very rich, as also a sheaf of grain grown on the same land. In the way of tall oats, is a bunch of 17 heads grown from two kernels dropped by the roadside, and there is also an immense bunch of oats grown from four kernels. The land from which this was taken is said to be capable of producing 100 bushels to the acre. Then there are samples of the furs, brick, pottery, etc., of the Province, while in 15 ten stands with glass sides are samples of the soil, as follows:—

1. Samples of Red River mud.
2. Samples of soil from St. Norbert.
3. Samples of soil from Rockwood.
4. Samples of soil from Ste. Agathe.
5. Samples of soil from Selkirk.

6. Samples of soil from Winnipeg and samples of St. Paul earth.
8. Samples of soil from Headingly.
9. Samples of soil from Plympton.
10. Samples of soil, F. Salter, gardener, St. James' Parish.
11. Samples of soil from Cook's Creek.
12. Samples of earth, four varieties, Victoria.
13. Samples of soil from St. Charles.
14. Samples of soil from Springfield.
15. Samples of soil from Kildonan, cultivated for 50 years without manure.

Such is a brief review of this celebrated building, but it must be visited to be properly appreciated.

The *Toronto Mail* gave the following description :

THE MANITOBA HALL.

The exhibits from Manitoba are not yet completely laid out and arranged in the building which has been provided for them by the Government. The Manitoba Hall has consequently been closed during to-day to all except those who are engaged in unpacking the numerous cases of agricultural products, Indian goods, and manufactured articles which have come from the Prairie Province. At night, some considerable advance in the work had been made, and if workmen keep at work through the night, the Hall will be opened to the public to-morrow. The arrangement of the exhibits is under the charge of Mr. Alexander Begg, Deputy Treasurer of Manitoba, who is assisted in the management of the affairs by Mr. George Kellond, of Winnipeg, and Mr. C. Constantine, Deputy Sheriff of the Province. A hurried inspection of the Hall and of its exhibits, so far as displayed, proves that the visitors from Ontario and Quebec, who call in at the building, will meet with a genuine surprise. The capabilities of Manitoba have been much underrated by Upper and Lower Canadians, and the display made by Manitoba will no doubt dispel any delusions which have been entertained.

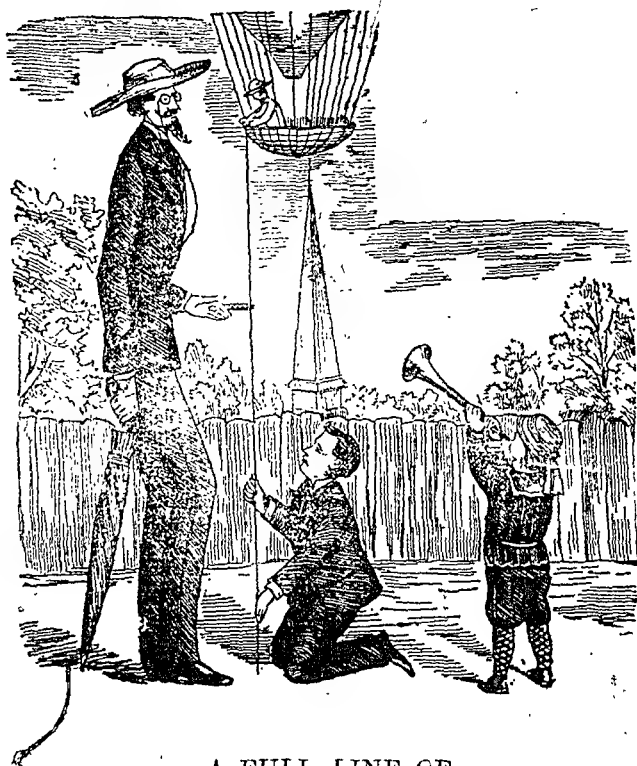
Entering the Hall the visitor is struck with the artistic manner in which it is decorated with evergreens, flags, mottoes, and ornamental work. At its southern end a dais is erected for the use, no doubt, of the expected viceregal guests. It is of royal red cloth with heavy, handsome hanging curtains. Along the top of the canopy are the words "Welcome Lorne-Louise," and above this motto is the coat of arms of Manitoba. On either side of the dais are courts, one of which contains stuffed specimens of the birds peculiar to Manitoba, and work by the Indians. The other contains an old Red River cart and a prairie camping outfit. The birds are numerous, and among them are some excellent game. Among the Indian work is a group of miniature models of Indians of the North-West. They are made of moose skin stuffed, are excellent in shape, and represent almost to the life the appearance of the first proprietors of the country, both male, female, and infantile. The Red River cart is made, as every one knows Red River carts are made, entirely of wood, and without one piece of iron in its composition. It has two wheels, the tires of which are held together by wooden pegs. The carts are said to be very durable, and though the axle tree, etc., is of wood, it can bear the weight of 1,200 pounds. The camping outfit is a really interesting exhibit, as illustrative chiefly of the mode of cooking and eating in the far West. In each of the two courts, the contents of which have just been alluded to, are splendid specimens of buffalo heads and a pair of pelican heads, and with wings accompanying them. As the platform of the dais is large, it will hold a number of exhibits. Upon it is to be erected a tent belonging to a North-Western settler, composed of 16 skins, including those of the common deer, cariboo, red deer and moose. The tent will, it is said, also contain a few scalps. Every well-bred Manitoban's tent contains an assortment of scalps, and of course the tent in exhibition must be equally provided. Behind the tent there will be on view a winter carryall and dog harness complete. The carryall is long and narrow, something the shape of a punt, with a wooden bottom and canvas sides. On either side of the carryall there is a large platform for baggage. The dog harness includes trappings, for four dogs. It is of moose skin and sewn with

silk. The moose skin is of a milk white color, soft as velvet, and as strong as any other leather. It is the intention of the Manitoba exhibitors to present this set of harness to His Excellency the Governor-General. Among the present contents of carryall are a number of skins similar to those to be used in the making of the tent, and a bundle of deer sinews. The same was recently used in the North-West for coarse sewing. Nothing will break them, though they will easily cut. It is said that when the immigrant first enters Winnipeg, and sees for the first time the bundles of sinews, his heart fails him; for the first impression among his class is that the sinews are the animal food which is used in Manitoba. Turning from the dais, and looking down the hall, the visitor sees a collection of all kinds of field and garden produce, and number of stuffed animals and birds. Among the animals are specimens of the silver fox and the prairie wolf, the latter a wild looking creature, but by no means, when in the flesh, anxious to attack. He is indeed as shy of humanity as the mouse when he is not pushed for food. There are also a number of moose, cariboo and deer heads, and Rocky Mountain sheep on view. The birds include in their number eagles, gulls, plover, hawks, eaglets, a swan, several pelicans, and blue cranes. The birds are excellently prepared. To the farmer, the field and garden produce will be of great interest, for it is of the finest and best quality. There are some splendid Scotch kales, but their rugged leaves have been somewhat injured by their long trip. There is, however, no difficulty in judging of their quality. Long bins of potatoes run along the western side of the building. The spuds are in many cases as large as any grown in Ontario, and shown at Provincial and other exhibitions. Particularly good are several bushels, which were the results of six week's growth in Manitoba. Planted on July 18th, they were taken out of the ground after the expiration of six weeks, the size of an ordinary potato. Among the Manitoban cultivators, the Early Rose variety seems to be the favourite. Mammoth beets, cabbages, pumpkins, squashes, and very fine melons are shown, and evidently with much just pride. The cauliflowers are exceedingly fine, white, close, and large. Two of the largest, and they are of the Frankfort variety, are from the Mennonite settlement. Broccoli sprouts are also shown in splendid condition. All the herbs, the most fantastic or artistic cook can call for, are on view. There are besides them very large Spanish peppers, and a bag of wild, or Labrador tea. The wild tea is, so they say, nice when one is used to its taste, but it takes some little time to accustom the mouth to it. Experiments have been made in tobacco in the Province. The result of an experiment is shown in specimens of the plant, which are shown. The leaves are not extra large, but they are full flavoured. Every kind of vegetable that is grown in Canada is grown in Manitoba, and shown in Manitoba Hall.

Lumbermen will no doubt examine closely and praise highly the specimens of woods which are on exhibition. They include maple, oak, cherry, willow, ash, pine, and some other kinds of wood not yet unpacked. Another good and exceedingly practical exhibit is that which consists of a dozen or more specimens of the soil to be found in various parts of the Province. The soil is shown in long tin and glass cases about an inch wide and three feet long. Each foot is marked out on the glass so as to show the quality of the soil at each foot deep. This can be done easily, as the soil has been carefully gathered and placed in the glass cases in the exact condition in which it is found from the surface to a yard in depth. The specimen is from Kildonan, and it is from a farm that has been cultivated for fifty years without manure. Other specimens are from Springfield, St. Charles, Victoria, Cook's Creek, St. James Parish, Plympton, Headingly, St. Paul's Parish, Winnipeg, Selkirk, St. Agathe, Rockwood, and St. Norbert. Other specimens have yet to be unpacked. Some fine pottery is shown from the vicinity of Selkirk, and some cut freestone is exhibited from the same place. There are also shown some specimens of coal from near Winnipeg, and some Mennonite fuel, which is by no means sweet, however heating it may be. It is of a peaty substance, made from the sweepings of the farm yard. The sweepings, with straw are allowed to lie all one year; the second summer they are pressed into bricks, and are fit for use the following summer. In Russia the fuel is fit for use during the winter of the first year. There is a large display of wheat of good quality. It is not, however, opened yet. The entries of the Manitoba goods number 900. They made a large cargo, in carrying which the

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railways were extremely liberal. At the end is the large map of the Dominion, which was shown by the Government at the Paris Exhibition. The ceiling is hung with festoons of evergreens. Around the walls of the building numerous mottoes are hung, among which are the following:—"Manitoba the heart's eye of the Dominion," "Manitoba, the Prairie Province, sends a royal greeting," "A fertile soil for willing hands to work," "Ours is a land of promise." Among Manitoba exhibits there are many other things which will have to be described in a future letter. The Manitoba exhibit is to be shown in Hamilton and London. An endeavour should certainly be made to have it in Toronto.

The following is from the *Toronto Globe*:

THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OF MANITOBA.

About a dozen very courteous Manitobans were as busy as bees all day yesterday licking the contents of their hall into shape. Though confusion reigned supreme, it is possible to give a pretty accurate account of the agricultural products, as the attendants were willing to put themselves to any amount of trouble in furnishing information.

Perhaps the most striking exhibit is that of the

SOILS

themselves. Fourteen tin cases, four feet long by two inches, and faced front and rear with glass, are filled with one foot of each of the four upper strata of soil. This does not show, as some will imagine, the actual depth of each layer, and indeed that would be impracticable. The exhibit could be made to possess a much greater value if each card bore upon it a few words stating the depth of each stratum. Case No. 1 is from the Red River banks. The first foot is a rich, greasy-looking vegetable mould; the second foot, alluvial mud; third foot, mud and calcareous matter of coarser character; fourth foot, same materials, coarser still. Sample No. 2 is from St. Norbert, and is all four feet, rich, black mould. No. 3, from Rockwood is the same. No. 4, from Ste. Agathe, is black mould containing more and more of calcareous and sandy matter as it deepens. No. 5, is from Selkirk, and is the same as No. 1. No. 6 is from Winnipeg, and is the same as No. 4. No. 7, is from St. Paul, nine miles below Winnipeg, and is first black mould, then an admixture of sand and calcareous matter. No. 8 is from Headingly, and is two feet black mould, and below it calcareous matter and mould. No. 9 is from Plympton, and is one foot black mould, then mixed sand and loam and two feet of heavy black mould and peat. No. 10, from St. James, is the same as No. 4. No. 11, from Cook's Creek, is all black mould. No. 12, from Victoria, is black mould loam, and at the bottom an admixture of sand. No. 13, from Springfield, is all black mould. No. 14, from Kildonan, resembles none of the others in having no black mould on top; it seems to be a mixture of loam, calcareous matter and sand—the more sand the lower it gets. This case bears a card stating that the farm from which it was taken has been cropped for fifty consecutive years without manure. There is also an exhibit of brick clay from below Winnipeg. This seems to be very fine from foreign admixture.

A SAMPLE OF MENNONITE FUEL

formed of cowdung and chopped hay, pressed into bricks and dried in the sun, is an interesting exhibit to all who fear the fuel question might become literally a burning one on the treeless prairies.

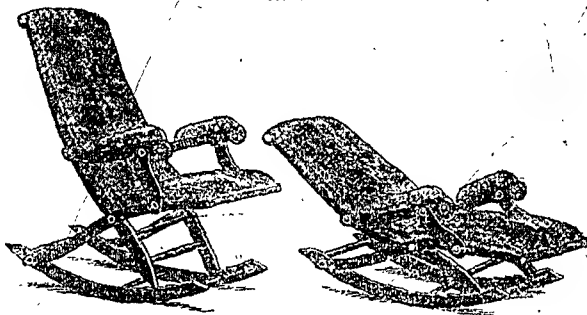
THE VEGETABLES

shown comprise many lots of potatoes, remarkable more for their hugeness than fine qualities. The Peerless is especially large and coarse looking. The Early Rose attain large size, and a very good lot, clean and free from eyes, might be selected, from sample of second crop potatoes grown from potatoes matured this year, and planted on the 18th July; the second crop is of a fair size. The new potato Beauty of Hebron is shown of finer growth than it has yet appeared at any of our shows before. The Early Goderich and Brownell's Beauty seem to suit the climate excellently.

The cabbages are of enormous size, three of the Drumheads shown by one exhibitor aggregating 75 pounds.

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The cauliflowers are very fine heads, large, regular, firm, and of curd-like whiteness.

The celery is very well grown, but like all the vegetables, are wilted, they having been pulled as long ago as the 5th of September.

The roots are very clean, symmetrical, and healthy looking, and though very much under the size of those grown by the skilled exhibitors of Ontario, are beyond comparison better than the average of field crops here, and it must be recollected that the Manitoba roots had only ordinary field culture.

Pease of the second crop grown from seed matured this year are shown fit for table use.

Beans of more than a dozen varieties are shown, excellently ripened.

Bread beans in pod will remind Old Countrymen of a dish they left behind them.

Red peppers of great size, and ten or a dozen varieties of tomatoes well ripened and evenly grown, form a very creditable collection.

The carrots are large of their varieties but not otherwise noticeable; so are the parsnips.

The blood beets are excellent, and the yellow and greystone turnips more than excellent.

Perhaps the best of all the garden vegetables are the onions. The red varieties are of splendid growth, while the Giant Rocca are of enormous size.

The butter is still in closed jars, so nothing can be said of it.

Among vegetable curiosities is a sample of the herb known as Labrador tea, which is used in parts of Quebec and the other Provinces as well as the North-West.

Split sections of various woods are shown, such as maple and oak, very finely grained and solid, poplar, white poplar, cedar, spruce, black ash, maple.

A bunch of tobacco, about three feet six inches in height, and with leaves about a foot wide, is shown.

Twelve varieties of crabs from Headingly, very nice coloured, give promise of rich orchards of better fruit yet to come.

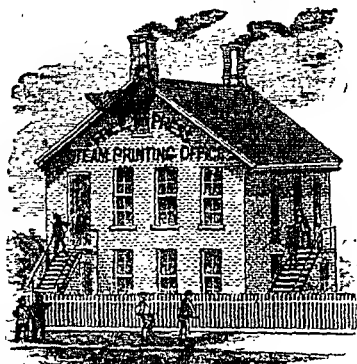
Savoy cabbages, planted in tubs, would have given a good idea of the luxuriance of vegetation, but too much exposure to cutting winds has nearly ruined them. The pumpkins and squash and cattle squash are of good size, but can be beaten here.

As a whole, the show of agricultural products of our new country, being evidently of so honest a character and not intended to give an exaggerated idea of fertility, is of the most gratifying character.

THE MANITOBA EXHIBIT.

Perhaps the most interesting display, because of its novelty, is that in the Manitoba Hall. Here the crowd is expected to be immense, and worthy of a visit is the Hall indeed. It is a spacious edifice, well lighted, and beautifully decorated. In it is made the display of Manitoba exhibits, and a few by the Federal Government. The history of this part of the show, although well known, may still be briefly related. The suggestion was made to the Department of Agriculture and to the Provincial Government of Manitoba that an exhibition of the produce and curiosities of the Province made at the Dominion Show would be an excellent means of advertising the Province, and of attracting to its untilled soil such hardy yeomen of the older Provinces as possessed a migratory spirit. To the Department of Agriculture the plea was made that this display would advertise the Dominion lands still remaining unsold. The two Governments agreed between them to defray the expense of the Exhibition, and the railway companies met the desires of the promoters of the scheme in a liberal manner. The Provincial Government of Manitoba placed the collection of the exhibits under the superintendence of Mr. Alex. Begg, the Provincial Deputy Treasurer and Queen's Printer. He has well performed his work, and evidently taken a personal pride and interest in the difficult task set him. In the work he has been ably assisted by G. Kellond, of Winnipeg, and C. Constantine, Deputy-Sheriff for the Province, both of whom accompanied him to Ottawa. Before leaving Winnipeg the exhibits were shown there, and about 170 prizes distributed among the exhibitors by the Provincial Government.

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THE BUILDING AT THE DOMINION EXHIBITION

was closed to the public to-day, but the press being admitted. The following description of its contents will convey a conception of its principal and many interesting features: The Hall itself is tastefully festooned with evergreens, relieved with flowers and medallions, monograms, &c. Around the walls in beautifully illuminated letters appear the following mottoes: "Manitoba, the bull's-eye of the Dominion," "Ours is the land of promise," "A fertile soil for willing hands to work," "Manitoba, the Prairie Province, sends a royal greeting," "Manitoba products," "L.L.," "V.R." &c., &c., a number of Manitoba maps, views of Winnipeg, well-prepared advertisements of Winnipeg firms, &c. Among the other ornaments in the room were noticeable suspended to the walls the heads of buffalo, moose, cariboo, Rocky Mountain goats, Rocky Mountain sheep, elks, pelicans, &c., and among the natural history collection from the North-West appear numerous fine specimens of birds peculiar to the North-West—eagles, swans, pelicans, blue cranes, silver fox, prairie wolf, and other subjects from the Provincial taxidermists' hands. At the head of the room a raised dais has been erected, with a beautiful canopy in red and blue erected above, relieved by a brilliant gilt cornice and tasseled fringe. On the canopy is placed the legend "Welcome Lorne and Louise." In front of the dais a large sixteen-skin tent has been erected, and it is said, will be decorated with scalps and on the same dais a winter cariole made of birch bark, and the necessary set of harness for a team of four dogs. The principal portion of the harness was made by Indian squaws. The harness is to be presented to the Marquis of Lorne. A number of dressed cariboo and other deer skins will be artistically arranged around the dais. To the right the throne of a Red River cart is shown. The peculiarity about these carts is that not one piece of metal enters into their construction. To the left are a number of curiosities exhibited by S. L. Bedson, of Stony Mountain, consisting principally of pelicans, swans, partridges, ducks, magpies, loons, small birds, muskrats and foxes. On the opposite wall is displayed the Federal Government's large

MAP OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

showing all the peculiarities of the country as to soil, temperature, &c.

An interesting feature of the map is that at important points such notices appear as "latitude of Berlin," "latitude of London," &c., as the case may be. In another part of the building the Federal Government, among other exhibits, shows a series of views of the Canadian Department in the Paris Exposition. Over the Dominion may a stand of flags be placed as a decoration.

THE EXHIBITION OF MANITOBA GRASSES

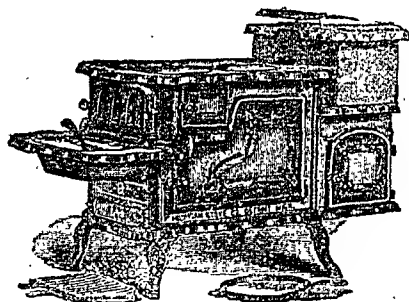
is very fine, among the specimens being bene grass, colony hay, blue joint, blue grass, wild red-top, buffalo grass, ridge grass, upland hay, bush grass, early grass, flney grass, &c. There were also two specimens of timothy, which had been cut on the 29th of July and the second on the 8th of September. Samples of wheat, oats, barley, &c., both in sacks and in the sheaf, are also shown. A fine display of onions, large squashes, corn, cucumbers, pumpkins, tomatoes, citrons, herbs and seeds, bunches of kale, beets, carrots, cabbage, cauliflowers, turnips, potatoes, &c., is made. Among the corn, the red corn, because of the novelty in colour, attracts much attention. The collection of vegetables embraces fifty-six varieties. Some of the varieties of potatoes exhibited were the Early Rose, Beauty of Hebron, Grey Pink-eyes and the Peerless. One sample shown was a second crop from seed planted on the 18th of July on land which had not been ploughed or dug for two years, this being the fourth crop on the same soil. Five specimens of Frankfort cauliflower from the Mennonites' settlements are shown. Butter and cheese of course are reported. Ladies work is also shown, but in this department.

Aboriginal work may be expected to attract most attention: A number of curiosities made by the Blackfoot tribe are shown.

Messrs. Stobart, Eden & Co., of Winnipeg, show valuable furs, and Messrs. Burke & Ritcher of the same city exhibit manufactures of leather and dressed skins.

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A display of flowers and fies of the Manitoba papers complete the most interesting branch of the Dominion Exhibition. In this connection it has been suggested that if the Toronto City Council move in the matter, and offered Mr. Begg the use of St. Lawrence Hall, the probabilities are that after being shown in Hamilton it would be taken back to Toronto for a few days.

The *Canadian Illustrated News* produced some well executed engravings of the exterior and interior of Manitoba Hall with the following description :

THE DOMINION EXHIBITION.

The Dominion Exhibition which closed at Ottawa a fortnight ago, will, we doubt not, be productive of good effects; it will stimulate our manufacturers and producers to still further efforts. Any one viewing the exhibits could not but be impressed with the progress art and manufactures have made in this country since the first exhibition took place. Our space permits of our mentioning but some of the principal exhibits. On the whole, the exhibition can be said to have been a brilliant success, which, we trust, will be repeated at no distant period, and it is to be hoped that the next will take place in the commercial metropolis of Canada, Montreal.

MANITOBA HALL.

was the attraction, it must be admitted. The Vice-Regal party paid it a lengthy visit, and took much interest in the Commissioner's, Mr. Alex. Begg's explanations: they were followed by Lady Macdonald, the Hon. J. H. Poye, and other notabilities. Mr. Begg, assisted by Messrs. Kellond and Constantine, had made his display a perfect one. An Ottawa contemporary gives the following excellent description of Manitoba Hall, which we take the liberty of borrowing :

The Manitoban products were the features *par excellence* of the exhibition, and the wisdom of the Government in granting a sum of money in order to afford the inhabitants of the more eastern parts of the Dominion an opportunity of seeing what the Prairie Province can do in agriculture and other branches of industry, cannot be doubted—a more judicious method of advertising the Province could not have been devised. Mr. A. Begg was entrusted with the task of inducing the farmers of the Province to send some of the fruits of their lands to this part of the Dominion, and no easy task had he to perform. He was obliged to travel to the most remote districts of the Province, and use all his persuasive powers with the farmers to induce them to co-operate with him in the work he had in hand—meeting after meeting he was obliged to hold, until at last he managed to secure a sufficient number of contributions, in the shape of products, to enable him to ensure the authorities here, of his being confident of presenting at the Dominion Exhibition such an array of Manitoban products, as would, to use an homely expression, open the eyes of the good people of the east—and he has kept his promise. The display having been made an established fact, the new building originally intended for the Dominion exhibits, was selected as the one in which they should be placed. The building is in every way suited for the purpose, with the exception that it is rather small, Mr. Begg, having brought with him more articles than he could show to advantage. As to the interior, it is not too much to say that it is a Provincial exhibition in itself, minus the cattle, &c. On entering the building the first thing that meets the eye of the visitor is a magnificent canopy of crimson cloth surmounted by a gilt cornice, bearing on its front the word "Welcome," and on the right "Louise." Over the motto "Welcome" are the armorial bearings of the Dominion, and that is surmounted by a crown. Beneath this canopy is a genuine Indian wigwam, constructed of 16 dressed buffalo skins stretched over poles some 15 feet high. The interior certainly gives an idea of snugness, comfort and cleanliness one would hardly expect to find in such a habitation. In the centre is a fire over which is suspended a pot, innocent, of course, of succulent buffalo lumps, but suggestive thereof. The floor is covered with furs such as a Russian would envy. One is a beautiful robe of white rabbit skins, whilst bear and other robes form the remainder of what would make a couch for the most

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luxurious Lybarite, let alone the resting place of a warrior of the Blackfeet tribe, who, if all accounts of the noble red man are true, are not quite accustomed to such cleanly residences. In front of the wigwam are shown the richly beaded hunting shirt and feathered head dress of a chief of the tribe before mentioned, while on the right hand side of the entrance stands a Blackfeet chief, clad in all his glory of war paint and savage finery. On the left hand side peering round the door is a fierce looking buffalo's head, his eyes glaring with all the ferocity of his genus. In front is a cariole or dog sleigh, luxuriously furnished with buffalo robes, to this conveyance is harnessed a team of two foxes, with two prairie wolves as leaders, all richly caparisoned, with bells on their necks. Buffalo heads are also on each side of the entrance, the whole forming a picture of surpassing beauty, and reflecting great credit upon Mr. Begg and his assistants who arranged it. On the left of the wigwam is a collection of Indian curiosities, which consists of a saddle, a saddle cloth and bag, all of deer skin and beautifully ornamented with beads worked into wonderful patterns. A papoose cradle, some "fire bags" in which the Indians carry their pipes, tobacco, flints and other odds and ends which go to make up a "braves" kit, and a host of specimens of the red man's handiwork go to make up a fine display. Under a blue canopy, and placed on a red shield, is a huge bison's head, which appears to be looking down upon the rest of the other curios—among which, it should be mentioned, are a number of quaintly carved figures. This collection will be found to be one of the most interesting features of the exhibition, more especially to the lovers of ornithology, as there are more splendid specimens of stuffed birds to be seen, not only in this particular spot, but all over the building. On the right hand side of the tent is a *fac simile* of a Red River camp on the prairie, with a genuine Red River cart. The latter is a very primitive sort of conveyance, guiltless of springs and highly suggestive of sore bones after a journey over a rough road. Underneath the cart is the bed of the travellers, and in front is the camp fire with the kettle slung gipsy fashion, with the matutinal tea preparing. Close by is the "cassette," or small box in which the provisions and cooking utensils are carried, and on the lid thereof are the tin plates and knives of the wayfarers, left as if a meal had just been partaken of. In the camp are two gigantic chunks of pemmican, a most unsavory looking article of diet, but, so Mr. Kellond says, savory and nourishing when properly cooked *Chacun a son gout!* The harness of the cart is of the roughest, but strongest description, and made of buffalo hide, looking as if it would take considerable pulling to cause it to give way. On the wall are some skins of the red deer, cariboo, silver fox, otter, the pretty but odorous skunk, wolf and ermine, all nicely arranged. The hall is handsomely decorated with festoons of evergreens suspended across the ceilings, while the sides are similarly adorned. Mottoes are over each door—"Manitoba, the bull's eye of the Dominion." "Manitoba, the Prairie Province, sends royal greeting," and on the walls are inscribed, "A fertile soil for willing hands to work," and "Ours is land of promise." At the northern end of the building is the large map of the Dominion, which was prepared for the Paris Exhibition, and that forms a handsome addition to the other ornaments, among which, by the way, are several other maps and photographs of the Red River Territory. There are also some photographs of Winnipeg and its vicinity. Winnipeg has now some very handsome buildings, both public and private.

The more practical part of the exhibition will be of the greatest interest to the farming community, and especially to those who are contemplating taking up their residence in Manitoba. The vegetable products are something wonderful, and will gladden the heart of a gardener. Some onions are shown of enormous size, especially the granite rock, which beats anything that can be raised in Ontario—at least so said more than one yesterday who were admitted to the private view yesterday. Mammoth Maltese squashes, marble head pumpkins large enough to make a chariot for Cinderella, turnips both Swedes and white, carrots, some as thick as any ever before exhibited in Ottawa or elsewhere, huge cabbages, cauliflowers and some early rose, peerless and Oregon potatoes are all, especially the latter, of wonderful size. So far as the potatoes are concerned, there are none that can be raised here of the weight of the

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It was the intention of the compiler to have given more copious extracts from the Eastern press, but owing to the fact that there has not been sufficient patronage extended by the merchants towards defraying the expenses of publication, the space at his disposal is limited.

After leaving Ottawa, the Manitoba Exhibit was shown in London, Hamilton and Toronto, and at all these places large crowds of people viewed the products and were both astonished and pleased at their excellence.

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IN HAMILTON.

The diplomas from Hamilton have not yet arrived, although a letter has recently been received from the Secretary of the Central Fair saying that they will be forwarded immediately. The delay has been caused by the Directors having ordered a new design for the Central Fair Diploma. As soon as the diplomas arrive the list of the exhibitors entitled to them will be published.

IN TORONTO.

Bishop of Ruperts Land, C. DeCazes, A. Salter, W. B. Hall, H. J. Arkland, T. Longbottom, Mrs. Pritchard, J. Boskill, J. R. McDonald, Rev. Pere Ritchot, D. McDougall, W. Matheson, Thos. Harrison, Capt. Kennedy, Chas. Begg, R. Taylor, A. G. McKenzie, A. G. B. Bannatyne, Alex. Hickey, W. Moss, W. A. Farmer, Jas. Harrower, D. H. McMillan, R. Egan, Jas. Armson, J. Alcock, R. Bell, Geo. Miller, J. Spiers, Wm. Parker, Thos. Simpson, Radiger & Erb, Misses Andrews, Stobart, Eden & Co., H. L. Reynolds, S. L. Bedson, G. G. Nagy, Code & Caulfield, Biggs & Co., S. Doidge, Mrs. Fonseca, A. Wright, J. W. Winnett, E. L. Derwry, R. McCuaig. The collection of Furs sent by Messrs. Stobart, Eden & Co. were very much admired at Ottawa, London, Hamilton and Toronto. The specimens were of good quality, but not up to the standard of the better class of furs collected by Stobart, Eden & Co. through-out their numerous posts in the North-West Territories.

Mr. Begg was presented with a gold medal at Ottawa and another at London, and in Toronto a banquet was tendered him by a number of the most prominent men in that city. All of which goes to show that the exertions of the people of Manitoba in sending the exhibit were appreciated in Ontario. Our Local Government took a most important step in the interests of the Province when they undertook the work of sending the exhibit and one in which they have had the hearty endorsement of the people. The Ottawa Government acted most liberally in the matter, and Hon. J. H. Pope, the Minister of Agriculture, and his Deputy, Mr. Lowe, took great interest in it, and assisted it in every possible way.

On his return to Winnipeg, Mr. Begg was presented by a number of his fellow-citizens with an address and testimonial in the shape of a handsome gold watch in recognition of his services, which, taken as a proof that his efforts were appreciated, was the best reward he could have obtained.

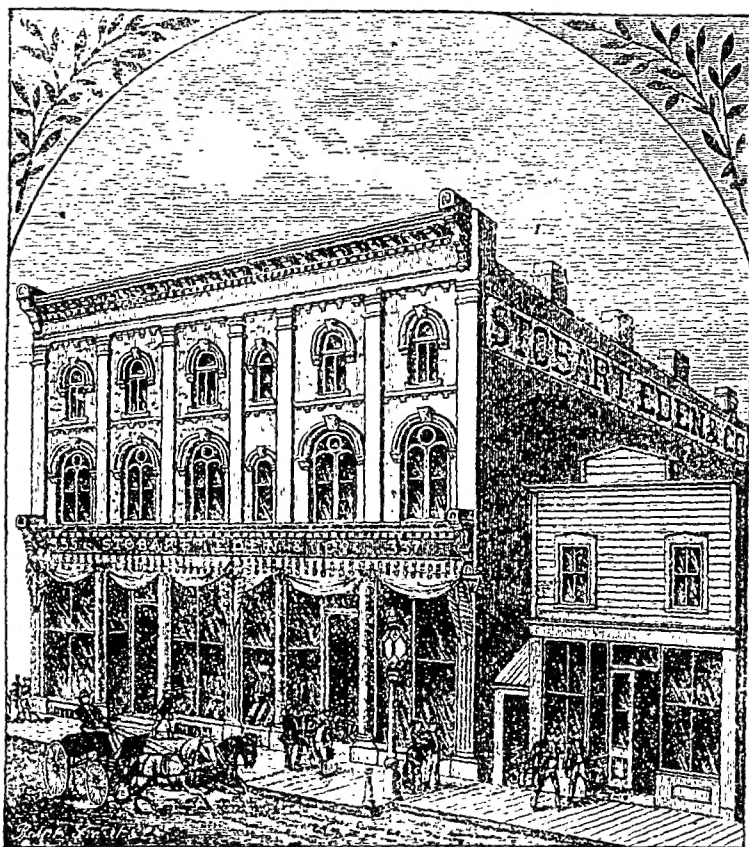
The Industrial Association of Toronto intend this year to make a big effort to obtain a good exhibit from Manitoba. They are liberal people who conduct the Toronto Exhibition, and it is to be hoped the Manitoba farmers will respond heartily during the coming season—the writer can vouch that, if they do they will be well and fairly treated in Toronto. Let the world see once more what Manitoba can do.

Note of Explanation.—It was the intention of the compiler of this pamphlet to have given a more extended description of the Exhibit, but the space at his disposal has obliged him to condense the contents and also to omit mention of several interesting matters connected with the Exhibit. Sufficient is contained in this pamphlet, however, to show how the products of Manitoba were regarded abroad, and also to set at rest any doubts that may have existed in the minds of people concerning the fertility of our soil and the great resources of this North-West.

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